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FOR: TAXONOMIC IDENTIFICATION OF PATHOGENIC
MICROORGANISMS AND THEIR PROTEINS

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Please amend Claim 26 and Claim 53 as follows:

26. (Amended) The method of claim 21, wherein the ligand is a peptide that does not contain tryptophan or tyrosine and detection of the captured analyte is accomplished through the intrinsic fluorescence of the protein.

53. (Amended) A method for identification of a protein analyte (proteinaceous toxin or cytosolic protein) comprising:

- (a) exposing a solution containing the protein analyte to an array of different peptide ligands which have been covalently tethered with a photostabile linker to a substrate surface at a distance of at least six Å from the substrate